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PASS CO-EDUCATION

WILLIAM & MARY OPENED TO WOMEN

Assembly Passes Measure by Vote of 57-33—Has Passed Both Houses and Now Only Needs The Signature of Governor Davis

Last Thursday morning the House of Delegates passed what is known as the Strode Bill, which opens this College to women. The bill to become a law needs only the signature of Governor Westmoreland Davis. Mr. Davis has practically endorsed the bill for he has made statements favoring the same, and with the added fact that among those voting for the bill are some of his strongest adherents, it seems certain that William and Mary will become a co-educational institution.

The history of the bill takes us back some two months ago, when Senator Strode introduced into the State Senate a measure to make this college co-ed. The scarcity of students here, and the fact that there is no state school giving a full college degree to women, made this college the logical place and furnished sufficient reason for such a school. Undoubtedly, we will profit much by this new law, which makes this seat of learning open its doors to women. A large appropriation is certain to come with such a change. New dormitories, another dining hall, and a new and more commodious gymnasium will surely be necessary when this law goes into effect.

College life here will without doubt be entirely altered when MARY is allowed to enter with her brother WILLIAM. One result, which is almost bound to follow with the incoming of MARY, will be the addition of another social element to our student body. Still another result will be the breaking of the historical tradition of the College. Now, we are hindered by it and do things in terms of those who have preceded us; but with the incoming of women, traditions will be changed to a great degree. The bonds of tradition will be broken and success will be influenced by different factors. Women will participate in activities and will rejuvenate them with better standards.

Many visitors have been on the Campus for the past week; the library is the center of attraction.

EACH TEAM WINS ONCE CAUSING A TIE IN THE TRIANGULAR LEAGUE

Messrs. Ferguson and W. W. Johnson Defeat Randolph-Macon at Richmond College—Richmond College Wins From Our Team at Ashland, While Bond and Morris are Defeating Richmond College Here

On last Friday night the triangular debate between William and Mary, Randolph-Macon and Richmond College was held.

Last year the inter-collegiate debate council decided to institute the plan of having each team debate on neutral ground. Accordingly, William and Mary sent a team to Randolph-Macon and one to Richmond College, while Richmond College sent a team to Randolph-Macon and one to William and Mary. Randolph-Macon sent its team to William and Mary and Richmond College. The plan seems to have worked out exceedingly well, since it has eliminated the heretofore trouble of choosing unbiased judges. It also added more interest for the audience to be able to listen with an unbiased ear to two teams for which there could be no reason for siding with either.

The question was: "Resolved, That the United States government should formulate plans for the immediate purchase and operation of the railroads and railways engaged in inter-state trade." This question is one of the liveliest and most vital issues before the nation today and one of profound importance to every American citizen.

At William and Mary we were visited by four gentlemen, who were capable of holding the standards of any college literary society. H. W. Tribble and W. L. Tiller of Richmond College upheld the affirmative side of the question, and Lyn Bond and C. V. Morris upheld the negative side for Randolph-Macon. Each speaker was allowed twenty-five minutes for his debate and rebuttal. And anyone who heard the debates will say, that each man used his twenty-five minutes with appropriateness.

We hardly know where to start in heaping praise and congratulations

upon these gentlemen, who so worthily fought this battle for their alma maters. Just in a line of criticism we will say, that we think Mr. Tiller placed too much of his time on the small premises involved in the question. Special mention should be made of the earnest effort of Mr. Bond to carry home to his friends a victory. We think it just to say, that Mr. Morris of Randolph-Macon certainly had the goods and his delivery sent it to the desired spot. His debate on a whole was undoubtedly the best of the four. We must say that Mr. Tribble, of Richmond College had a splendid debate and delivered it excellently.

The debates were full of life and very interesting on both sides. The refutations were snappy and very amusing to the literary minds who were present. Both, Richmond College and Randolph-Macon, should be proud of such men, who so well represented their schools, in this year's annual debate.

While the question was being threshed out here, our representatives were winning at Richmond College against Randolph-Macon, and losing at Ashland against Richmond College. Messrs. W. F. C. Ferguson and W. W. Johnson upholding the negative, defeated the team representing Randolph-Macon by an unanimous decision, while Messrs. L. E. Warren and R. J. Johnson lost to Richmond College by a similar vote. The results show that each college has one victory and one defeat, which ties up the league for this year. The fact that all of our men undertook intercollegiate debating last Friday night for the first time, should make us feel that both teams upheld the honor of our college deservedly, and that next year we shall win at both places, which would make us possessors of the C-U-P.

SPRING ELECTIONS

STUDENT BODY CASTS HEAVY VOTE

Cheatham Elected Secretary of the Athletic Council by Large Vote—Other Runs Very Close and Exciting

Last Thursday morning R. C. Rives brought forward the names of a number of men selected by the Athletic Council, and put them before the student body for acceptance or rejection. The following places were voted upon: Secretary of the Athletic Council, Manager of Track Team, Assistant Manager of Basketball, and Assistant Manager of Football. W. H. Cheatham was elected by a large majority to the first place, while H. S. Fentress also won by a good margin on the second run. These men will fill out the unexpired terms of Garber and Bland, who resigned from College some time ago.

Next G. L. Gordon was chosen by an unanimous vote to fill I. D. Aker's place as asst. manager of football for next year. Mr. Aker had resigned from College some weeks ago. The last and closest election was for asst. manager of Basketball. The first ballot resulted in a tie, which necessitated another cast. Mr. Leuter was elected on the second ballot.

DR. GEIGER ADDRESSES STUDENTS

"Christ's Challenge to the Present Generation," was the topic of an inspiring address by Dr. Geiger at the Chapel service on Thursday.

Christ's answer to Philip, "Believe me that I am the Father, and that the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works sake," was applied to the present age as a challenge for the world to try Christ's Teachings as he intended them to, fashioning our lives in accordance with the principles of Jesus' life and then in the light of our results, judge the efficacy of His Teachings. Dr. Geiger said that the failure of Christ's teachings to rule men's lives was due to man's failure to actually put the Christ life into action as his own.

Found: The greatest "physicists" of the world, the Hon. "Peanuts" Dalhouse.

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RETIRING RESOLUTION

We have heard much on our Campus about the Retiring Resolution, but very few know anything about it. Some six years ago the Board of Visitors, without much consideration of the question, passed this resolution, which retires Members of the Faculty at the age of sixty-five. Anyone taking an introspective view of the matter can readily see how unjustified and absurd such a ruling is, when it is carried into effect. The fact that there have been repeated suspensions of the resolution (first in 1915 for three years and again this session for one year) shows the impracticability of such a rule.

Going still further into the facts of the matter we find that the bill is wrong for two fundamental reasons. First, it is apparent that sixty-five is an absurdly low age for retiring. All through the country, men of this age and very much over this age are holding positions of honor and trust. Inquire into the facts of this statement and you will find that this is not merely hearsay. Secondly, we find that this rule provides for no sort of pension whatsoever. The professor is cast out upon the world without means of support and with stigma of old age upon him, which would render it impossible for him to secure another position. When this resolution was passed, the Carnegie Fund for the Advancement of Teaching was open to this College, but that since, has been closed. With the added fact that that the age limit in other college is at least a decade over the age limit of this resolution, and with the still further conclusive fact that the

main purpose of such retirements is to relieve eminent scholars from the duties of ordinary class work, so as to enable them to devote their time to some special and important phase of work.

The resolution should be repealed by the new incoming Board recently appointed by Governor Westmoreland Davis. We sincerely hope that they can see the unjustifiability, and impracticability of this unvirtuous and unreasonable piece of legislation, for which there is no precedent, as it now stands, at any other college.

W. H. Cook and C. S. Moorman have resigned from College. Cook takes a clerical position and Moorman goes into the National Army.

"Giraffe" Stephens spent Saturday and Monday in Norfolk on business.

Henley—"Judy," what time does the last car go out to Westhampton?"

'Judy' Brooks—"I don't know, ask Van Garrett."

BASEBALL CANDIDATES CALLED OUT

Upon the leave of our esteemed Coach Young, the student body immediately began to search for another Coach and have secured the aid of B. D. Peachy of this city.

Realizing the loss of Coach Young coupled with the leave of both Garber and Murry, our base-ball team is placed on the side of the ledger marked "Handicap." Yet, we are very fortunate in having secured "Bat" Peachy, former student and star player several years ago, to coach the varsity team this season. Peachy was captain for two years during which a championship was won and the aggregation was well up in the race during the other year.

All candidates for the baseball team were called out yesterday. Yesterday's practice consisted mostly in "warming up" and batting practice. Many freshmen answered the call and some seem to have unusual baseball ability. Captain Love and Close are the only two letter men back in College and with several "subs" of last year's team should form a good nucleus for a strong varsity nine this season. Only two weeks intervene before the first game will be played on Cary Field.

Fellows, go out and stick with the team. We've got a coach and we want a cup. Although we lost the championship in football and basketball, we have much of which to be proud. When the first whistle blew in football and basketball, the team was off. We all saw 'em fight to the finish. To make a long story short, we are all imbued with the "Cy" Young spirit "fight," and that spells, c-h-a-m-p-i-o-n-s-h-i-p.

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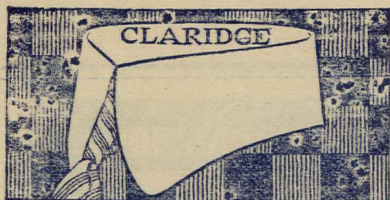
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last week. "Bris" is studying den-
istry at the Medical College Vir-
ginia.

"Duc" Walton spent last Sunday
at his home.

N. J. Webb has resigned from
College to enter the Navy.

C. C. Graves '15, spent the past
week at the Theta Delta Chi House.

D. O. Murry spent Saturday at
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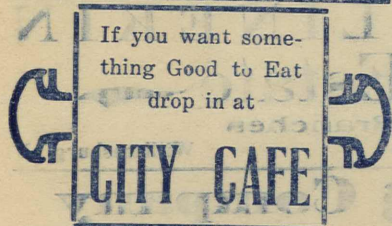
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